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H. R. 3137

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To amend title 39, United States Code, to provide clarification relating to the authority of the United States Postal Service to accept donations as an additional source of funding for commemorative plaques.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. DONATIONS FOR COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401(7) of title 39, United
3 States Code, is amended by striking “business;” and in-
4 serting “business, including monetary donations made (in
5 such manner as the Postal Service may prescribe) for the
6 funding of plaques in connection with the commemorative
7 designation of postal facilities;”.

8 (b) DESIGNATIONS.—The donor of a monetary dona-
9 tion described in the amendment made by subsection (a)
10 may specify the postal facility with respect to which such
11 donation is to be used.

12 (c) REQUIREMENT.—The United States Postal Serv-
13 ice shall provide for a suitable plaque, in the case of any
14 postal facility which has been designated by law to com-
15 memorate a particular individual, no later than 120 days
16 after the date as of which—

17 (1) a law has been enacted providing for the
18 designation of the postal facility involved; and

19 (2) sufficient amounts have been received, in
20 the manner described in subsection (b), to provide
21 for such plaque.

22 Any donations received by the Postal Service under sub-
23 section (b) in excess of the total amount needed in order
24 to provide for a suitable plaque may, with the consent of
25 the donors involved, be used for the funding of a plaque

1 in the case of any other postal facility as to which a law
2 (as described in paragraph (1)) has been enacted.

3 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
4 tion shall be considered—

5 (1) to affect the authority of the United States
6 Postal Service with respect to any requirements con-
7 cerning the design, placement, and limitation on
8 costs relating to commemorative plaques (as de-
9 scribed in the preceding provisions of this section),
10 so long as such requirements are applied in a uni-
11 form manner; or

12 (2) to limit, supersede, or render inapplicable
13 any other authority or duty which (but for this Act)
14 the United States Postal Service would otherwise
15 have had with respect to the commemorative des-
16 ignation of a facility or the funding, commissioning,
17 or installation of a plaque in connection with such
18 a designation.

Passed the House of Representatives September 15,
2009.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.